

**Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute  
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2008  
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services**

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LHRC  
AT ITS NEXT MEETING. SHOULD REVISIONS BE MADE, THEY WILL BE  
INCLUDED AS AN ITEM IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.**

**Minutes Approved at the December 2, 2008 Meeting**

**LHRC Members in Attendance:** Greg Casker, Ester Goins, Jeff Rodden, Verna Hendrickson and Lesa Shelton

**LHRC Members not in Attendance:** Thelma Wright

**Affiliates in Attendance:** Elizabeth Scott, Alternative Community Services; Brandi Motley and Stanley Cousins, Wall Residences; Kelly Murphy, Blue Ridge Residential Services; Mindy Conley, Laurie Gambardella, Cindy Lovell, Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services; Shannon Bailey and Louis Puryear, DePaul Family Services; Monica Edwards, Hughes Center for Exceptional Children; Susan Chandler, Family Preservation Services.

**Other Representatives in Attendance:** Loretta Abbott, SVMHI Representatives and Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate.

**Minutes Recorder:** Naomi Gibson, SVMHI

**LHRC Minutes & Meeting Schedule:**

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ [www.svmhi.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov](http://www.svmhi.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov) under the heading of Client Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call To Order:**

Chairman Greg Casker called to order the August 26, 2008 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 4:05 p.m. Chairman Casker welcomed all attendees.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Advocate Report:**

Ms. Miles reminded agencies consumers cannot be left unattended in a car. This could be found as a case of neglect.

An application to the LHRC Committee has been submitted by a consumer. The consumer may be interviewed at the next meeting.

Roanna Deal is the new Patient Advocate at Southern VA Mental Health Institute and will start the on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Deal should be present at the next LHRC meeting.

**Facility Advocate Report:**

Statistical report for January 2008 – May 2008:

<b>SVMHI Facility Advocate Report</b>	<b>June 08</b>	<b>July 08</b>
<b>Admissions</b>	28	39
<b>Discharges</b>	36	33
<b>Average Census</b>	74	66
<b>Special Hospitalizations</b>	1	2
<b>Hearing Appeals</b>	4	2
<b>Seclusion</b>	6	3
<b>Restraints</b>	0	0
<b>Aggressive Acts Peer-to-Peer</b>	0	6 events No injuries
<b>Escapes</b>	0	0
<b>Deaths</b>	0	0
<b>Allegation Of Neglect/ Abuse</b>	1 unfounded	0
<b>Formal Complaints</b>	2	1
<b>Informal Complaints</b>	5	4
<b>Extraordinary Barriers to Discharge List</b> On June 1st, there were thirteen persons on the extraordinary barriers list. Five were added to the list during the month, four were discharged and one rescinded. On June 30, thirteen persons remained on the list.		
<b>Extraordinary Barriers to Discharge List</b> On July 1st, there were thirteen persons on the extraordinary barriers list. Three were added to the list during the month, three were discharged. On July 31, thirteen persons remained on the list.		

### **Facility Representative Report**

Loretta Abbott had no facility report.

### **Affiliate Reports:**

#### **Danville Regional Medical Center**

Althea Price reported there were no grievances or complaints.

1 seclusion in August

#### **DePaul Clinical Services**

No complaints and no changes in services.

**DePaul MR Services**

Shannon Bailey reported:

No seclusions

No peer-to-peer aggression

1 unfounded allegation of abuse

**Wall Residences**

Stanley Cousins reported the agency has 6 residential programs and can take 10 additional clients.

5 unfounded allegations of abuse

4 peer-to-peer aggressions

**Hughes Center**

Between Jan – July

106 peer-to-peer aggressions

66 seclusions

5 informal complaints

2 founded complaints in April 2008 after the investigation both staff members were released.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services on Hairston Street.

**Affiliates Scheduled To Report at August Meeting:**

Strategic Therapy

Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services - Behavioral Health Services

Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services - Intellectual Disabilities Services

**Adjournment:**

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

